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**To:** District Superintendents  
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**Subject:** Immunization Regulation Revisions – Update

**Good news! The NYS Education Department (NYSED) has just been informed by the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) that the effective date of the new immunization regulations has been changed to 9/1/2015.** Although the regulations are not formally adopted until published in the State Register, NYSDOH has informed NYSED that the final regulations will be unchanged from the version that was published in the State Register in March 2015:

<http://docs.dos.ny.gov/info/register/2015/march18/pdf/rulemaking.pdf> .

Please inform parents/guardians of these new requirements so they may schedule appointments for their children's vaccinations over the summer if needed.

Below is a summary of changes to the School Immunization Requirements for the 2015-16 school year based on NYSDOH amended regulations:

**MMR (grades K-12)**

- 2 doses of measles and mumps vaccines and 1 dose of rubella vaccine (MMR)
  - Required for school entry. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, obtaining in age range of 4 through 6 years is no longer permitted

**DTaP (grades K-12, except 8-12 as noted below\*)**

- 5 doses of diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP)
  - Required for school entry. For the 5<sup>th</sup> dose, obtaining in age range of 4 through 6 years is no longer permitted
  - If 4<sup>th</sup> dose received at 4 years of age or older, only 4 doses required

### **Polio (grades K, 1, 6 and 7 only)**

- 4 doses of poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV)
  - Required for school entry. For the 4<sup>th</sup> dose, obtaining in age range of 4 through 6 years is no longer permitted
  - If 3<sup>rd</sup> dose received at 4 years of age or older, only 3 doses required

### **Polio (grades 2-5, 8-12)**

- 3 doses

### **\*Changes to Grades 8 through 12 School Entrance Immunization Requirements**

- Students enrolling in grades 8 through 12 in the 2015-16 school year are in this cohort, including new entrants in subsequent years into the cohort's current grade levels (e.g. 2016-2017 grades 9-12; 2017-2018 grades 10-12; 2018-2019 grades 11-12; 2019-2020 12th grade)
- Must meet immunization requirements of regulations in effect prior to July 1, 2014
- Do not need to have intervals assessed for immunizations
- Students are compliant for 2015-2016 through graduation, if they meet requirements in effect June 30, 2014 which were:
  - DTaP/DTP            3 doses
  - Tdap                 1 dose
  - Polio                 3 doses
  - MMR                 2 doses, or 2 doses of measles, 1 dose of mumps, and 1 dose of rubella
  - Hep B                 3 doses

The 2013-14 Immunization Chart may be helpful in reviewing student immunization records in grades 8-12 and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).